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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Keiichi Nakajima**

Group Art Unit: **3621**

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Examiner: **Firmin Backer**

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For: **ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT SYSTEM, SETTLEMENT
APPARATUS AND TERMINAL**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent).

The following checked sections apply to this Information Disclosure Statement:

- ☒ In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) as revised at 69 Fed. Reg. 56481 (September 21, 2004), copies of the cited U.S. patent application publication(s) and/or U.S. patent(s) have not been submitted.
- ☐ The cited reference(s) were called to Applicant'(s) attention in a counterpart foreign patent application. A copy of the official communication in that counterpart foreign patent application citing the reference(s) is submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.
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☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and so is accompanied by one of:

(1) A Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), which follows; or

(2) The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), authorization for which follows.

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(2) The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), authorization for which follows.

☒ Fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180) to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or

No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in Sec. 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

☒ Additional Comments

Applicant(s) have the following additional comments:

Cited U.S. 5,889,863 and 6,178,409 are English language counterparts to cited WO 97/49074. Cited U.S. 60/131,369 is the provisional application upon which cited U.S. 6,970,852 is based. Cited JP 11-224236 is a counterpart to EP 0 935 221, which already is of record.

Copies of the cited pending U.S. applications have been provided. The Examiner may want to check the pending claims in those cases that have been amended, which can be done at his side. If the Examiner prefers and so requests, copies of those pending claims will be provided. The cited U.S. applications are U.S. counterparts to previously-cited WO 01/09806A.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent) be returned to the undersigned indicating that such information has been considered.

Other than any fees mentioned above, no fees are believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which are deemed to be now or hereafter due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant'(s) attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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